

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES – NEWPORT COUNTY
WYNDHAM ATLANTIC RESORT – MIDDLETOWN, RI
8 APRIL 2024

Attendees: Rob Winneg, Matt Griffin, Mike Slein, Len DiLorenzo, Walt Wasowski, Roy Callahan, Pat Burke, Peg Murray, Tony Cercena, Tom Feeny, Jean Peterson, Brandi Bansemer, Anne Huot, Sean Kelley.

Meeting called to order by President Rob Winneg at 1700. Pledge of Allegiance.

President Winneg called for the discussion by the Board of Directors in attendance for the nomination of Mr. Sean Kelley for a position on the Board of Directors of the Navy League, Newport Council. Motion made by Board Member Mike Slein and seconded by Board Member Len DiLorenzo to accept the nomination contingent upon Mr. Kelley joining the Navy League. Acceptance is within the authority of President of the Board Rob Winneg. Passed. President Winneg noted during discussion that Board Member Jonathan Wolstenholme, USCG, is being transferred to California. President Winneg will approach CDR Harris to join our Council. (Mike Slein has been trying to reach Castle Hill Coast Guard Station to schedule SOQ with no response.)

Reports:

1. Secretary's Report – Minutes of 4 March 2024 were distributed. Motion to accept and passed.
2. Treasurer's Report – Distributed and reviewed by Treasurer. Noted rebates received from National. The Treasurer also noted that in order to keep our income below \$50,000 for the year, for purposes of IRS reporting, certain items for the June Commissioning event, which were paid for directly by the Coast Guard Foundation, were not recorded for the event. Total income for the year was thus recorded as \$37,501. Motion to accept by BM Tom Feeny and seconded by BM Mike Slein.
3. Membership Report – Board Member Len DiLorenzo reported 204 members on roster list. Should recover loss of members from Community Affiliate SEACORP' non-renewal. Board Members Mike Slein and Pat Burke will follow up; establish point of contact. Other potential Business/Community Affiliates (Bluerock, Walmart, Electric Boat, Audrain, Tennis Hall of Fame, SEACORP) will be listed on separate sheet with calendar.
4. Sea Cadets (Falcon and NCBC) – Board Member Brandi Bansemer (NCBC) brought us up to date. Discussion of Sea Cadet Annual Inspection held on Saturday, 23 March at U. S. Coast Guard Station Castle Hill. Awards were presented. Attended by several Navy League Board Members. Brief discussion on budget, (\$1,600 vs. \$4,000). Brandi (NCBC) confirmed that a check for \$1,000 from the Navy League was deposited. The Treasurer reported that Falcon Division's check for \$1,000 from December 2023 has not been deposited to date. The Treasurer will follow up with Falcon Division Commanding Officer. Discussion followed of upcoming Sea Cadet event on 20 April and the Award certificates (Theodore Roosevelt and the George Wardwell awards). President Winneg will look into; nominations to Board Member Mike Slein. Motion to accept Sea Cadets report by BM Walt Wasowski and seconded by BM Mike Slein.

Current Business:

1. Cutterman's Call, "After Action Report" - (Pop Up Social Event) - Distributed and reviewed. Went well; very successful. Coast Guard Crew (17) attended. Total cost \$379.68 (donations received from several board members.)
2. National Meeting update scheduled for 8 June. Kevin Galeaz from NH will represent the NE Region at National by proxy.
3. MAN Update – Guest speaker selection: President Rob Winneg will put Naval War College President RADM Peter A. Garvin's name on calendar. Open to suggestions, send to President Winneg. More discussion. Motion made and seconded to put Admiral Garvin's name on calendar.

New Business:

1. By-Laws Review – Rob Winneg will e-mail a copy to Board for review. Send comments to President Winneg. A small committee will be formed to review the by-laws and recommend changes to the entire Board.
2. USCG District 1 Commander is retiring on 10 May. President Winneg will attend.
3. Military Veteran's Advocacy Meeting proposed date: 24 June (Len DiLorenzo). Note: Joined with "Veterans Get Outside Day" on 9 June at Fort Adams. Board Member Mike Slein will attend a meeting on 10 April at Elks Club to discuss and report to President Winneg.
4. Eagle Scout Project (Len/Mike) –BM Mike Slein unable to contact. Board voted \$400 to support the project when initiated.
5. Calendar for recognition events and CA meetings – reviewed and assignments confirmed.

Other Business:

1. Vice President Matt Griffin will forward website link to board members again for review.
2. MOAA – 15-19 delegates will be going to State House to protect Tri-Care.
3. G mail – Navy League members are not receiving mail when sent from Navy League Newport County.
4. Newsletter link – Ann
5. Full housing cost for veterans?

Meeting adjourned at 1815.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 6 MAY 2024, 1700, AT THE WYNDHAM.